

MARK HACKEL, MACOMB COUNTY EXECUTIVE



COVID-19 UPDATE

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Good afternoon,

The COVID-19 pandemic has created many challenges for our community, but Macomb County continues to meet those head on. For instance, we are now almost halfway through the month of December and winter weather has arrived. This means that our outdoor drive-through COVID-19 testing site in Mount Clemens has to move - not only for the safety of our workers, but also for the individuals that come to us for testing.

Knowing this, our team spent the last several weeks plotting logistics and making adjustments so we can seamlessly transition from our current facility to a new location. Stay tuned as I'll be making an announcement later this week with those details. But please know, this new site will offer protection from the elements, but it will still be safe and effective in helping us stop the spread of the coronavirus.

On a different note, our Shop Local Macomb contest may be over, but there are still plenty of reasons to shop small in Macomb County this season. If you're able, I ask you to consider spending some of your holiday budget at one of our fantastic local businesses. We've got an interactive map listing more than 1,500 independently owned and operated establishments where you can shop by appointment, curbside or online this holiday. Visit makemacombbyyourhome.com to find this and more. And of course, please remember to practice COVID-19 safety measures if you choose to go out.

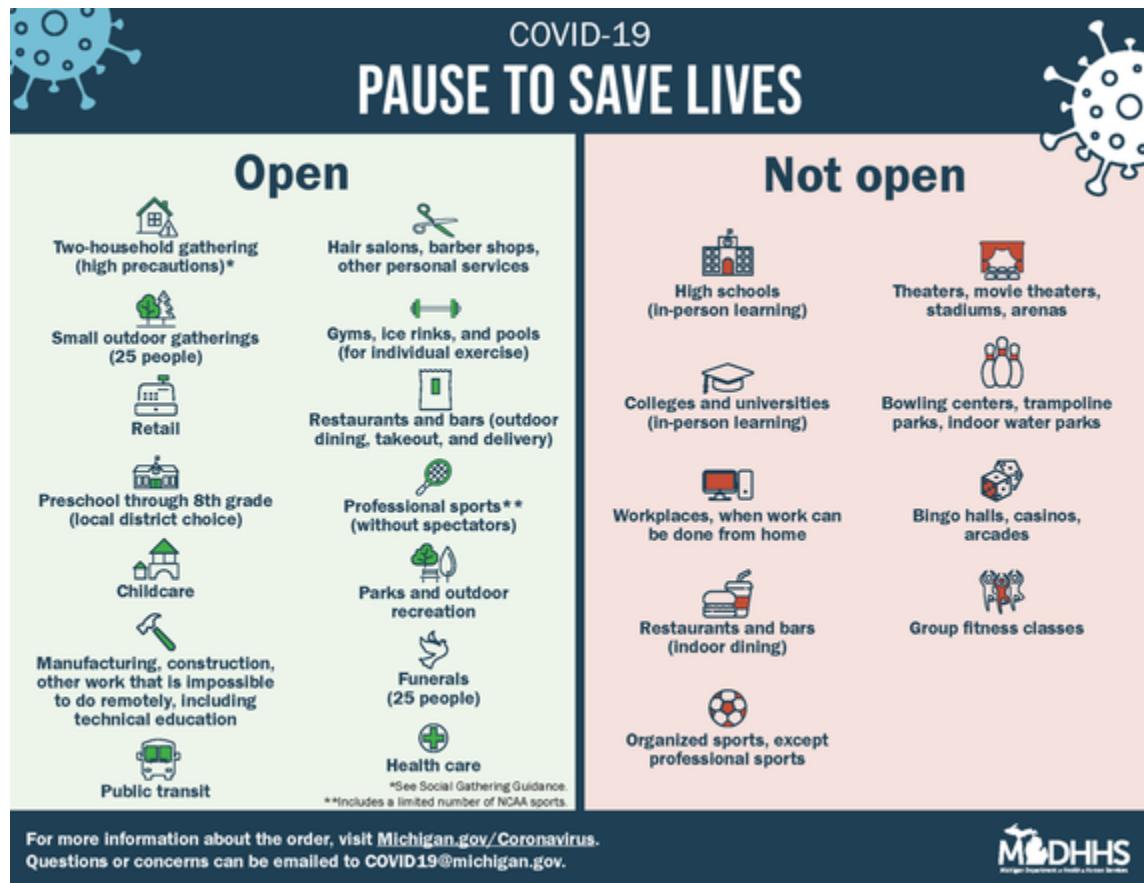
Wishing you wellness,

Mark

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Macomb County Executive

Important Things to Know

- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) earlier this week announced a 12 day extension of the epidemic order that restricts indoor social gatherings and other group activities. The additional 12 days will allow the department to determine the full impact of the Thanksgiving holiday on the spread of COVID-19 across Michigan. [Learn more](#).



- Based on new CDC information, the MDHHS is updating guidance to allow modifications to the quarantine period for Michigan residents with known exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case. While the standard 14-day quarantine period remains, it can be reduced to 10 days if the following two conditions exist: (1.) The individual does not develop any symptoms or clinical evidence of COVID-19 infection during daily symptom monitoring for the 10 days after the last exposure and (2.) Daily symptom monitoring continues through day 14 after the last exposure. [Learn more](#).
- The Macomb County Office of Senior Services will distribute care packages with essential items for local senior citizens on Thursday, December 17. The drive-through distribution event, which will take place between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Macomb County Family Resource Center, will feature packages with hand sanitizer,

face masks, toilet paper, paper towel, soap, gloves and other important items. Learn about eligibility and other details [here](#).



**SENIOR CARE
PACKAGES**
NOW AVAILABLE!

Macomb County Michigan
Macomb Community Action

DRIVE-THRU CARE PACKAGE PICKUP
Thursday, December 17th • 1pm-4pm

- The MEDC recently announced that the Michigan Strategic Fund approved a \$10 million grant program to help meet the urgent needs of small businesses disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 virus. The Pure Michigan Small Business Relief Initiative will utilize federal CARES Act funding to award grants up to \$15,000 to at least 670 small businesses across Michigan. Applications open Dec. 15 and are expected to be awarded on a first come, first served basis. [Learn more.](#)
- "The face of food insecurity is your neighbor, it's your friend, it's your coworker," said Shannon Mallory of the Macomb Food Program in a recent [interview with WXYZ](#). Volunteers are needed for this important program. If you are able, please consider donating your time this holiday season. Learn how you can help [here](#).
- Reminder: Macomb County is hiring! Apply to become a temporary Disease Intervention Specialist today. This is a work-from-home position (with a 1-week in-person training) that will pay \$25/hr. Please note: While this role is temporary in length, it is full-time, 5 days per week. To learn more and apply, [click here](#).



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**DISEASE
INTERVENTION
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Macomb County has temporary work-from-home positions,
APPLY TODAY.

Executive Mark Hackel has been regularly sharing video updates with Macomb County residents on YouTube and social media. Click on the links below for the latest updates.



- [**COVID-19 Update with Executive Hackel - December 7**](#)

In the News

- Michigan surpasses 10,000 deaths linked to COVID-19. [**Read more.**](#)

- Tips to help keep kids positive and engaged at home during the pandemic. [Read more](#).
 - Answering COVID questions: What is the science behind these vaccines? [Read more](#).
 - Macomb County to distribute care packages for seniors with drive-through event. [Read more](#).
 - Scammers look to take advantage of people who want COVID-19 vaccine. [Read more](#).
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Helpful Information and Resources

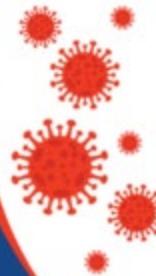
The Macomb County Emergency Operations Center and Department of Health continue to lead local efforts to respond to the ever-evolving nature of COVID-19 pandemic. For the latest COVID-19 data, news and information, click on the buttons below for helpful resources available to you.



Small Business Resources during COVID-19



Planning &
Economic
Development



Stay Informed

If you have questions about COVID-19, please call the Macomb County Health Department helpline at 586-463-3750. The helpline is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For the latest information from Macomb County regarding COVID-19, please visit macombgov.org/covid19.

